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1. Beginning at 1000 on 26 September 1954, 16 guns, presumably 152-mm guns, 16 prime movers, 22 trucks approximately 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were detrained at the Potsdam railroad station.¹
2. At 1430 on 26 September, 16 rocket launchers of a new type 8 M-13 rocket launchers and approximately 50 trucks passed through Rathenow and proceeded eastward.²
3. On 26 September, 3 x 122-mm field howitzers and billating equipment were unloaded at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station from two trains which had arrived from Altengrabow . The detrained elements left for the Infanterie Kaserne (5441) in Rathenow.³
4. At 1700 on 25 September, a shipment which came from Schwerin and went to Wiesenburg passed through the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. It consisted of 8 x 100-mm AT guns, 12 to 15 YA-12 prime movers 25 to 30 trucks including and approximately 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.⁴
5. At noon on 27 September, a column of 8 to 10 x 100-mm AT guns; an undetermined number of trucks and approximately 150 soldiers passed through Brandenburg. The column came from the north and went to the south.⁴
6. flatcars had to be made available at the station on 30 September. On 29 September, 30 normal flatcars and an undetermined number of RRY-type flatcars were assembled at the Brandenburg main railroad station.⁵

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7. Military shipments observed at the Satzkorn railroad station on 26 September included:

1230. A shipment of 11 T-34/85 tanks, 4 SU-100 guns, 2 armored scout cars, 1 armored personnel carrier, 3 repair shop trucks, 9 other trucks, 2 field kitchens and, on 3 boxcars, an undetermined number of soldiers, which went from Schwerin to Wiesenburg.

1400. A shipment of 16 T-34/85 tanks, 1 armored personnel carrier, 1 repair shop truck, 6 trucks, 2 field kitchens and 5 boxcars with soldiers, which went from Schwerin to Wiesenburg.

8. The entraining of units from Camp Schweinrich started at the Dranse railroad station during the night on 24 September. The shipments left toward Wittstock.

1. Comment. The train carried units of the 34th Arty Div which participated in exercises of the 10th Gds Tank Div in the Cottbus-Liebarose area. Another source observed a similar shipment at the Potsdam-Wildpark railroad station on the same day.

2. Comment. Units of the 25th Gds RL Brig possibly departed in order to participate in exercises of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps.

3. Comment. The train probably carried first elements of the 6th Arty Div which returned from Altengrabow. According to other reports, these units were expected to arrive in late September or early October.

4. Comment. major elements of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps from Schwerin, Magdenow and Dranse, HQ units of the Third Shock Army from Magdeburg and units of the 34th Arty Div from Potsdam transferred to the Wiesenburg-Belzig-Brueck area on at least 26 trains between 25 and 27 September. It is not impossible that the fall exercises of the reinforced corps developed from this area toward the Elbe River section north of Magdeburg. According to paragraphs 5 and 2 of the present report, units of the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig from Rostock and, probably, elements of the 25th Gds RL Brig also participated in the exercises.

5. Comment. On 30 September, units of the 124th Hw How Arty Brig of the 6th Arty Div were to be entrained for exercises.

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